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SUBJECT: BOEING 727'S FOR LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES (LAA)

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1. DURING AUGUST 17 MEETING OF EMBASSY OFFICER WITH LIBYAN
CAA DIRECTOR GENERAL ABUZAKUK AND DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT
ADNAN ON ANOTHER MATTER, LIBYANS RAISED ISSUE OF THE TWO
STALLED 727'S FOR LAA. ABUZAKUK NOTED THAT LIBYANS INVOLVED
WITH AVIATION ARE STILL HOPING FOR THE BOEINGS AND THAT
CUNIALI, HEAD OF LAA, WILL SHORTLY GO TO THE U.S. AGAIN.
ABUZAKUK SAID LIBYANS HOPE TO REMAIN WITH BOEING INDEFINITELY
FOR THEIR MEDIUM-RANGE AIRCRAFT, CONTINUING TO BUY 727'S
UNTIL 1982 WHEN THE SUCCESSOR TO THE 727 IS EXPECTED TO
BECOME AVAILABLE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT LAA IS NEGOTIATING
WITH AIRBUS INDUSTRIE FOR THE EVENT THAT BOEING CAN NO LONGER
BE RELIED UPON. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, ABUZAKUK SAID LAA
HAD IN FACT ALREADY PAID FOR THE TWO 727'S.

2. ADNAN OBSERVED THAT IF USG REFUSES DIRECT SALE, 727'S
CAN BE HAD THROUGH "SIDE DEALS" FROM OTHER AIRLINES
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WHICH HAVE USED AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL SINCE USG
DOES NOT CONTROL RESALE OF U.S.-MADE CIVIL AIRCRAFT ONCE
THEY HAVE BEEN LICENSED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. ABUZAKUK
SAID, HOWEVER, THAT LIBYANS DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN SIDE
DEALS AND WILL LOOK TO THE EUROPEANS IF BOEING CANNOT
DELIVER.

3. COMMENT. THIS IS FIRST TIME CAA AUTHORITIES HAVE
RAISED BOEING ISSUE WITH US DURING OUR FAIRLY FREQUENT
MEETINGS WITH THEM ON OTHER MATTERS. MOST OF WHAT THEY
SAID WAS PREDICTABLE BUT MENTION OF USED 727'S WAS
UNEXPECTED. WHILE ACQUISITION OF USED AIRCRAFT COULD
MEET LAA'S IMMEDIATE NEED FOR 727'S AND PERHAPS KEEP
OPEN BOEING'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE SALES, LIBYANS
HAVE A STRONG AVERSION TO BUYING SECONDHAND GOODS
OF ANY SORT.
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